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Timely Tidbits ...

Basketball Game Benefits RHS Football

An upcoming basketball game between the City of Romulus Police Department and Romulus High School's football coaches and seniors is sure to emphasize the fun in fund-raising. The event – a benefit for the football program – is set for 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, in the RHS Field House.

To purchase advance tickets (\$3 for adults, \$2 for students, \$1 for children), call the RHS Athletic Office (734-941-2170, ext. 191).

Crafters Wanted!

Romulus High School's Class of 2002 will host a Spring Craft Sale in the High School cafeteria on Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Besides craft items, shoppers will be able to purchase spirit items from the school store and homemade soup from a refreshment stand sponsored by the sophomore class. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the day.

Space (\$25) is still available for interested crafters. For more information, call 734-941-2170 (ext. 149 or 162), or 941-4304.

YWCA Seeks Items for Rummage Sale

The YWCA of Western Wayne County is asking the community to help fill the racks and shelves at its upcoming rummage sale, to be held at the "Y" (located at 26269 Michigan Avenue, one mile west of Telegraph Road, in Inkster) on Saturday, April 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"We especially need household items, kitchen utensils, toys, jewelry, books, and collectibles for the sale," said Rummage Sale Chairperson Charlotte Adams. "Donations of clothing have already been received, but we are in need of miscellaneous items to round out the selection."

Donations may be brought to the "Y" between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. any weekday prior to the event.

Proceeds from the rummage sale will be used to promote women's and children's programs.

Romulus Mourns Passing of City Father

By Kristi Stephens

The City of Romulus is saddened by the death of one of its most dedicated public servants, Ellis Pennington, who passed away on Monday, March 22, after a losing battle with bone cancer.

A true "City Father," Pennington was among the first Councilmen elected when Romulus became a city in 1970. His long years of dedicated service included three years as a Romulus Township Highway Commissioner, four years as a Township Trustee, 12 years as a City Councilman, and eight years as the Council's representative on the Romulus Planning Commission.

Pennington was affectionately called "The People's Councilman" by many who knew him because of his willingness to listen to residents' concerns and make a personal effort to address them. His plain-spoken, down-home style, his affable manner, and his obvious honesty and sincerity inspired trust, even in people usually skeptical about politicians.

Among those members of the community who will miss Pennington the most is Jimmie C. Raspberry, who was the City's senior Councilman until his retirement from office in 1997.

"Ellis stands tall among the pioneers of this city," Raspberry told *The*

Romulus News. "Besides being a part of the movement which led our township to become a city, he was also a key force in the implementation of many projects – such as the senior-citizen apartment complexes – that our citizens now take for granted."

"One of the things that made Ellis a great representative of the people was the fact that he would go out to residents' homes to see about their problems, then bring what he had learned back to the Council so that those problems could be addressed," Raspberry continued. "He was truly a champion of the average citizen."

"Romulus has lost a great and dedicated man, and I have lost my very good buddy," he concluded.

At their March 22 meeting, a number of current City Councilmen also expressed their sense of loss at Pennington's passing.

Councilman Bill Wadsworth – who told listeners of Pennington's life as a husband, father, employee, and public official – also talked about the working relationship between the two of them. Although Wadsworth and his former colleague had not always seen eye to eye on some issues, he said, "One thing I did learn from [Mr. Pennington]: when you were done with a vote and you left



Ellis Pennington

this table . . . you walked out of the building friends.

"He'll be missed," he added. "He was a good man."

Born in Weeksbury, Kentucky, on September 30, 1927, Pennington graduated from high school, served as a mechanic in the U.S. Army during World War II, and worked as a coal miner before coming to Michigan in 1953. In 1961, he went to work for Kelsey-Hayes

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Three from RHS Make Nationals in Track

By Kristi Stephens

Romulus High School students Fred Russell, Carleton McCauley, and Ashley Terry made history on Sunday, March 14, when they attended the Nike Invitational Classic in Columbus, Ohio, to compete against some of the best young track-and-field athletes in the United States.

"No one from Romulus High School had ever made it to the national level of competition in track before," explained Assistant Coach Carl Lowe. "Although none of our young men advanced to the finals, just being there was a real honor."

The trio earned the right to attend the invitational by doing exceptionally well in the Michigan Indoor Track and Field competition, held March 11 at the University of Michigan. Russell, who was eventually named "athlete of the meet," won the 55-meter dash event, turning in the third-fastest time ever by a Michigan high-school student. McCau-

ley finished sixth in the State in the 55-meter high hurdles, while Terry came in eighth in the 600-meter run.

Fred Russell

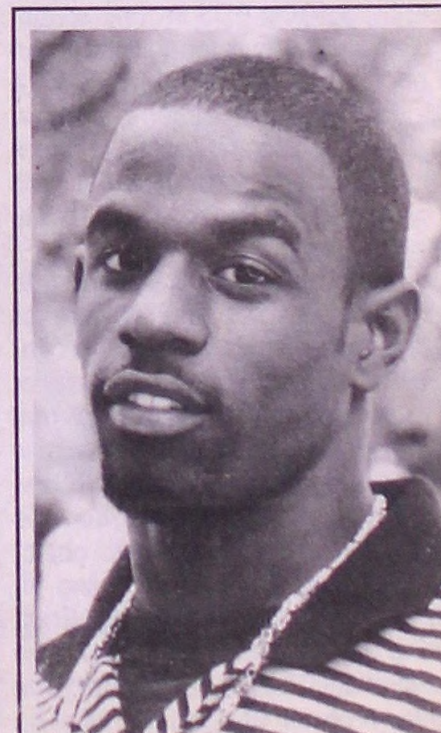
When asked about his recent achievement, Russell said, "For two years, my goal has been a victory at the State level. It felt good to accomplish that goal."

"At Nationals," he continued, "I was proud to represent my city, but I was disappointed in my performance. After making it through the preliminaries, I found myself in the semifinals, facing the fastest guy in the Country. I was a little nervous, and I tripped coming out of the blocks. I felt I could have done better."

Russell is *not* nervous, however, about the Eagles' chances when team competition begins this weekend.

"Last year, even though we had a young team, we placed fourth in the

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Fred Russell

The Editor's Opinion

Romulus Has Nothing To Win, Everything To Lose, in Battle Against EDS

By Kristi Stephens

For more than five years, I've been writing about the seemingly endless legal battles between the City of Romulus and Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), a company which plans to operate a hazardous-waste disposal well in Romulus – either on Citrin Drive (a site near Inkster Road) or on Wahrman Road (a site which has been inactive since 1993 due to an injunction that the City obtained after EDS had drilled a disposal well there, but before the company could begin operation).

Bored with the subject, many residents have allowed the sleepy pace of justice to lull them into believing that EDS has been effectively and permanently stymied, and that the City's continuing "wait and see/maintain the status quo" philosophy is a harmless one.

Recently, however, developments have speeded up dramatically, and the City of Romulus may suddenly find itself in the same situation as the drowsy driver who, dozing off at the wheel, awakens just in time to realize that he's heading for a collision with a brick wall, but that he's too late to stop it.

Consider ...

Despite Romulus City Attorney Mark Jacobs' vehement protestations, Michigan Chief Administrative Law Judge Richard G. Lacasse recently implemented a Stipulation and Consent Agreement between EDS and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), granting EDS its long-sought Part 625 well permits (conditional upon the approval of Part 111 permits for a hazardous-waste treatment, storage, and deepwell disposal facility) in return for the company's assurance that it will not operate more than one well facility in Wayne County.

Time and again, the State has made it clear that, when deciding whether or not to grant such permits, it can consider the objections of citizens and/or municipalities *only to the extent that those objections are based on State law and/or a project's demonstrable technical deficiencies*. Unfortunately, from the City's standpoint, no legitimate objections are likely to be forthcoming. In fact, Steve Sliver, Environmental Engineering Specialist for the DEQ's Waste Management Division, recently told *The Romulus News* that, based on what he knew of the EDS project from a previous permit application, the technical deficiencies already identified by the

DEQ probably could be "readily addressed" by EDS.

Further, *The Romulus News* has learned that, on April 13, the Michigan Court of Appeals will finally begin to hear oral arguments in a lawsuit which could cost the City of Romulus more than \$100 million.

Soon, the opportunity to come to an agreement that would address the *reasonable* concerns of all involved may be gone for good. We can wait no longer. The time to act is now.

Personally, I have a great deal of sympathy for Mayor Bill Oakley and the Romulus City Council when it comes to this case. Of the seven current Council members, only two – Randy Gear and Bill Wadsworth – were in office in the fall of 1993 when (according to then-Councilman Jimmie C. Raspberry) our former mayor, Beverly McAnally, urged the Council to file a lawsuit against EDS to "buy time" until the upcoming November election had passed. Of the other five – to the best of my knowledge, at least – only Debbie Romak has made a promise to fight EDS one of the main planks of an election campaign.

That leaves our current mayor and a majority of four Councilmen in the probably uncomfortable position of having inherited a mess that they had no part in creating. They were not in office when the City Council issued a welcoming resolution to EDS in 1990. They were not in office when EDS received permits from the City for electrical and other work to be done on the Wahrman Road site. They were not in office when various City officials repeatedly visited EDS to inspect the several-month-long drilling process. They were not in office when City officials urged the company to buy additional property to make truck access more convenient. They were not in office when then-City Attorney Barry Seifman assured EDS, over and over, that the company had no need to fear City interference because State law preempted Local control.

Still, I have to ask these officials one question: Have you fully considered the consequences of allowing this situation to continue?

Even if the City wins out in the Court of Appeals (an unlikely event, in my opinion), that victory would affect Wahrman Road only; it won't prevent EDS from operating a well on Citrin Drive.

On the other hand, if the City loses, it could be ordered to pay more than \$100 million to EDS.

As you consider the pros and cons, please don't allow yourselves to be fooled by assurances that, in lawsuits against government agencies, Michigan courts don't award plaintiffs large sums of money. A couple of months ago, a development company won \$40 million because a judge ruled that the City of Novi had "effectively created a policy of delay at the cost of the plaintiff's property rights" in a "vindictive struggle by Novi to 'beat' the firm. Since the City of Novi carries only \$20 million in insurance, its residents may be forced to pay higher property taxes and/or endure a cut in City services in order to cover the remainder of their debt. And just a few weeks ago, the City of Southgate was ordered to pay \$33 million to a number of firefighters who claimed that their supervisor had taped their telephone calls without their knowledge or permission. (Ironically, it was ex-City Attorney Barry Seifman who represented the firemen in their victory against Southgate.)

Most of all, please don't allow your-

selves to be swayed by the advice of any lawyer who has nothing to lose by urging you to fight EDS, but a considerable amount (in attorney fees) to gain.

The City of Romulus is protected by a maximum of \$10 million of insurance in this case. What is the point of risking more than \$90 million in debt to fight a company that has far less potential to adversely impact our environment than a number of others that have been operating here, unchallenged, for years?

Once again, I urge the Council to abandon this no-win approach to dealing with EDS, and actively seek to negotiate a settlement that would limit our financial losses and, at the same time, establish safety measures above and beyond what State law will provide if (and when) EDS gains permission to operate a well in our city.

You may not have started this mess, but it's now up to you to finish it. You're the ones who will be held responsible in the event of an EDS victory. Don't take the fall for the mistakes of others. □

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Romulus Police Department Hires Four New Officers



(From left) Mayor William Oakley, Officers Rebecca Peare and Corey Sadler, and Police Chief Charles Kirby.

The Romulus Police Department has announced the hiring of four new police officers.

On Monday, March 8, in a ceremony attended by Mayor William Oakley and Police Chief Charles Kirby, Rebecca Peare and Corey Sadler were sworn in as police officers for the City of Romulus. They are currently assigned to the uniform patrol division, where they are undergoing field training.

Both Peare and Sadler are recent graduates of the Wayne County Regional Police Academy at Schoolcraft College. Romulus is the first police department that either has worked for.

On Monday, March 29, two additional officers will be sworn in. They are Don Hopkins and David Salamas.

The hirings will bring the Romulus Police Department's manpower level up to 74 sworn officers.

St. Patrick's Day OUIL Efforts Pay Off

The Romulus Police Department's efforts to target drinking drivers on St. Patrick's Day was a successful one, according to Executive Lieutenant Eric D. Painter. No motor-vehicle accidents were attributed to a drinking driver during the enforcement period.

The St. Patrick's Day holiday program included 32 hours of overtime enforcement, along with a heightened effort by the afternoon- and midnight-shift officers to locate and arrest those drivers who enjoyed a little too much of the "Spirits of St. Patrick's Day," and chose to drive while under the influence. Altogether, five drivers were arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol (OUIL), including one who was charged as a "second-offender." Additionally, three subjects were arrested on outstanding warrants, four for driving with a suspended license, and one for possession of marijuana. Detail officers made 42 traffic stops that resulted in 19 speeding citations, six seat-belt citations, and seven miscellaneous traffic citations.

The overtime detail was funded by a grant from the Office of Highway Safety Planning. It will allow the Romulus Police Department to put out an estimated 150 hours of extra patrols to target specific violations over the course of the year. Upcoming enforcement details will target speeders, seat-belt violations, aggressive drivers, and drivers who operate a motor vehicle while drinking.

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RHS Students Russell, McCauley, and Terry Make Nationals in Track

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State," he said. "Since most of that team is returning this season, we hope that our combination of talent and experience will take us to the championships."

Russell — an 18-year-old senior — will attend the University of Michigan this fall, where he plans to play football and compete in track while studying business management. He is the son of Michael and Twana Spencer.

Carleton McCauley

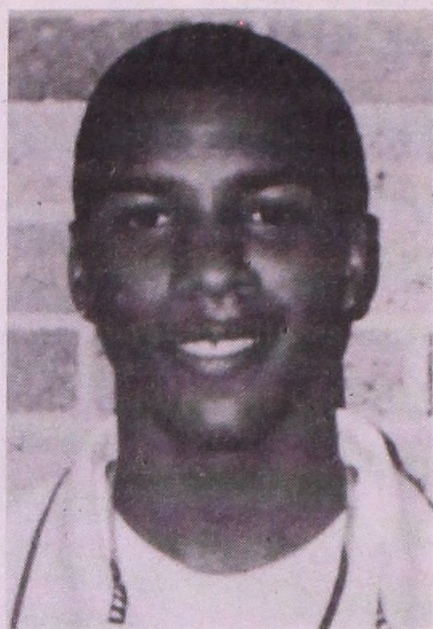
McCauley, also a senior, shares Russell's aspirations for the team.

"Our goal is to win the Regionals, then go on to win the State," he said. "On a personal level," added the 17-year-old, who was eliminated at Nationals after coming in fourth in the quarter-finals of the indoor 55-meter hurdles event, "I'm now shooting to finish in the State's top three in the [outdoor] 110-meter hurdles."

Asked to name the person who inspires him the most, the son of Francis and Ann McCauley replied, "My dad is the biggest motivating force in my life. He's a track coach at Robichaud High School, so he knows a lot about the sport. We talk about it all the time."

McCauley said that he's also inspired by his teammate and longtime friend, Russell.

"Fred is a truly amazing athlete," he



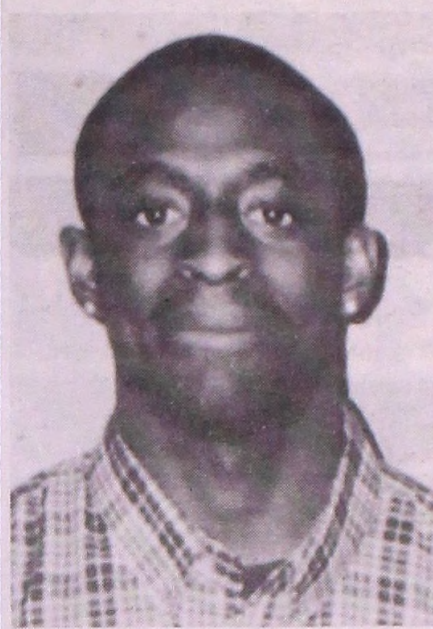
Ashley Terry

explained. "I've been competing with him since we were eight or nine — first at Cory, then at the Junior High — so I know what he's capable of."

The college-bound McCauley plans to study business/marketing, and to participate in both football and track.

Ashley Terry

With a top-24 finish in Columbus under his belt, this 17-year-old junior is fairly satisfied with his accomplishments to date, and has high hopes for the



Carleton McCauley

future, both for himself and his team.

"It was really an honor to go to Nationals," said Terry. "I got to see what it's like to compete against our country's fastest athletes, so it was excellent experience for me. Hopefully, I'll be able to put that experience to good use through the end of our upcoming season."

Terry went on to talk of his hopes for the team.

"I truly believe that we have a shot at the State finals. I think we can win it

all," he stated confidently.

Along with McCauley, Terry believes that Russell's momentum has a great influence on the Eagles. Two other sources of inspiration, he said, are the team's "mentors": Head Coach Norbert Glover and Assistant Coach Lowe.

"Coach Glover and Coach Lowe have been really good to us; they've treated us like their own kids," Terry explained. "They always seem to find positive ways to push us to succeed. I admire them for that."

Eventually, Terry plans to attend Eastern Michigan University, where he wants to remain active in track, cross country, and possibly basketball, while studying to be a physical-education teacher. You can bet that the son of Andrew and Carol Simmons will give his schooling his best effort, because he recognizes its value.

"If I don't make it big in sports, I'll have my education to fall back on," he said. "It's the most important thing in my life."

Track fans will get their first look at Russell, McCauley, Terry, and their teammates on Saturday, March 27, when the Eagles travel to Ypsilanti for a meet at Eastern Michigan University. For the team's entire schedule, please see page 12. □

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Fond Farewell to Familiar Face

By Kristi Stephens

After 30 years with the Romulus Post Office, Loretta Gregg will retire on Friday, April 2.

"It's going to be hard to leave," said Gregg, whose feelings about her retirement are clearly somewhat mixed. "The people here are like a family to me."

Romulus Post Master Andrew Pietrzyk, who has been Gregg's supervisor for the past three years, is sorry to see her go.

"Loretta is a wonderful employee," said Pietrzyk. "She's conscientious, dedicated, and really likes working with our customers. She certainly will be missed by everyone."

Gregg said that her fondest memories are of her customers.

"You can't work in a job like mine for as long as I have without feeling as though you know just about everyone in town," she explained. "People I knew as children when they came into the office with their parents, years ago, are now coming in with their own kids. Longtime residents, many of whom are now senior citizens, are old friends."

"In fact," she continued, "I've gotten to know my regular customers so well that I'm often able to take care of their needs without their having to ask. It's a pleasure to give them good, friendly service—to do all the little extras that let them know I care."

"It just gives me a good feeling to help others."

When Gregg first began working for the Romulus Post Office, it was located at 11189 Shook Road (now Family & Neighborhood Services), and local mail carriers operated out of an annex on Hunt Street (where Johnston Lithograph, Inc., is now). Later—when the Romulus office was combined with that of Taylor, leaving only a "finance office" in Romulus—Gregg went to Taylor, too, and stayed for two years before she returned.

The loss of a full-service office in Romulus is one of the only disappointments of Gregg's career.

"I believe that the residents of this city deserve better service than they're getting now," she stated. "Since our carriers operate out of Taylor, commu-



Loretta Gregg

nication between us is not always the best, and mail is sometimes lost between the two offices. Things would be much more efficient if we all worked together."

It was on September 3, 1985, that the current Romulus finance office on Hunt Street first opened to the public. Gregg has been there ever since.

Although Gregg knows that her customers will miss her bright smile and friendly service, she's confident that she's leaving everything in good hands.

"My boss, Andy, and my coworkers, Silvia Rossier and Laura Stafford, are just as dedicated to customer service as I always have been," she stated.

Gregg also expressed confidence in her replacement, who will be transferring from the Belleville Post Office.

"I've known Sharon (Lilly) Bokor since she was a little girl, and she's as nice as they come. I know that she'll do her best to take care of everyone."

Gregg and her husband James ("Blaine") have three grown sons (James, John, and Richard), all of whom are married and living nearby. She moved to Sumpter Township six years ago when her Romulus home of 28 years was purchased by Detroit Metro Airport. □

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The Romulus Recreation Department is looking for scorekeepers for its upcoming Adult Softball season. The season begins April 30 and lasts until August. Games are played on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. Scorekeepers are needed for 1 day or all 4 days. The pay rate is \$7.00 per game. Anyone interested should fill out an application in the Personnel Dept. at City Hall, or call the Recreation Dept. at 942-6852.

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By Rikki Strobos

If you've driven past the corner of Wayne and Goddard roads recently, you're sure to have noticed a new business that offers an unusual combination of services. But while putting an oil-change garage next to a donut shop may seem a little strange at first, it actually makes perfectly good sense.

"The nice thing about having the Donut Express next to the Oil Exchange is the fact that it gives our garage customers a pleasant place to wait while we're servicing their vehicles," said Eddie Jaafar, who, along with brothers Mike and Steve, owns the new establishment. "In fact, we offer all of our oil-change customers a complimentary donut and cup of coffee."

Of course, you don't have to be in need of an oil change to stop in at the Donut Express, which features a selection of cookies, croissants, deli sandwiches, cold beverages, and convenience items in addition to coffee and donuts.

And oil changes aren't the only service that the Oil Exchange offers. The garage can also take care of your tire-repair and transmission-, radiator-, and engine-flushing needs, as well as perform an 11-point systems check.

Jaafar says that he, his brothers, and his managers (Rick Fadiga, Donut Express, and Tony Barthaur, the Oil Exchange) pride themselves on putting their customers first.

"We want our customers to know that we appreciate them very much. We realize that, without them, we wouldn't be in business," he explained.

Jaafar added that many local residents have already stopped by with words of welcome.

"We're as happy to be here as they are to have us here," he said.

The Jaafar brothers were born and raised in Dearborn Heights, where Eddie (who, with his bachelor's degree in business administration, is the founder of Donut Express) continues to reside. Mike and Steve live in Detroit, where they are employed as police officers. Mike has an associate's degree in criminal justice; Steve's bachelor's degree is in industrial management. Other family members include a father who's in his thirtieth year at Ford Motor Company's Livonia plant, a homemaker mother, and a brother who is a real-estate agent.

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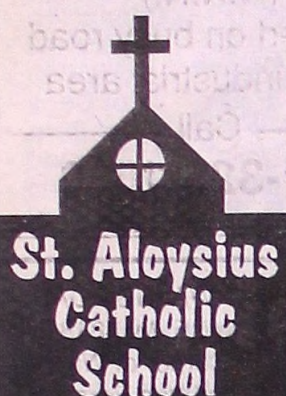
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Student Receives Scholarship To Space Camp in Florida



Barth teacher Lisa Elscher (left) congratulates Ronald Kreutzer as Principal Jeffery Royal looks on.

Congratulations to Ronald Kreutzer, who has been awarded a scholarship that will cover all his expenses when he attends the United States Space Camp in Cape Canaveral, Florida, during the week of May 2–7, 1999. The scholarship is made possible by the efforts of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, with funding raised through the Loctite–Alan Shepard Golf Invitational, sponsored by Loctite Corporation.

A fifth-grader at Barth Elementary School, Kreutzer was chosen from among the Romulus Community Schools' finest science and math students in grades four through seven.

"It was a real honor for Ronald to be selected, since only one scholarship is awarded in each school district," explained Principal Jeffery Royal. "We're all very proud of him."

To be eligible for consideration for the scholarship, students must demonstrate a marked aptitude for and interest in math and science, as well as the ability to think independently and the maturity to provide leadership while working in a group setting.

"When I read about the program, I thought of Ron immediately," said Lisa Elscher, the teacher who nominated Kreutzer. "He easily meets all the criteria set forth by the program's coordinators, and I believe that he will make the most of this unique opportunity to literally shoot for the stars."

In her letter of recommendation, Elscher wrote, "Ronald is a leader in our classroom both academically and socially. His sense of responsibility is witnessed by me and the rest of the Barth Elementary staff regularly. Not only has Ronald maintained excellent grades and earned himself a continual place on the honor roll, he has had perfect atten-

dance for the first two marking periods. When I congratulated him on this milestone, he replied, 'I just love to come to school.' This statement was made casually, but I can truly see his love of learning in and out of the classroom."

On his own portion of the application form, Kreutzer described his involvement in a number of school and community programs such as Student Council, peer tutoring, Little League, and floor hockey, and also mentioned his support of service activities such as his school's recent canned-food drive. His personal interests include video games, computers, and math puzzles and games.

The all-A student says he can't remember a time that he wasn't interested in math: "Even before I started school, I was learning to add, subtract, multiply, and divide, and was always practicing these skills by playing number games with my family, or by figuring out how much more money I needed to buy a better shield in my video games. I think that there is nothing more exciting than learning."

Kreutzer's excitement about his upcoming experience – which will include a mock shuttle mission, moonwalk simulations, and a taste of freeze-dried food – is more than evident.

"I'm really looking forward to attending Space Camp and meeting the people who work on the shuttle. I'm sure that I'll learn a lot and make a lot of new friends," he said. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Ron is the son of Christopher Barks and Lisa Kreutzer of Romulus. His two younger sisters, Amanda (age nine) and Samantha (seven), also attend Barth School; his older brother, Christopher (12), is a student at Romulus Middle School. □



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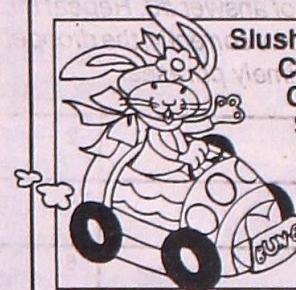
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LEAPFROG

Write the word(s) that fits definition #1 into the correspondingly numbered box. Next, drop one letter and anagram (rearrange) the remaining letters to find the answer to definition #2. Perform the same drop-a-letter/anagram procedure on word #2 to arrive at the answer to definition #3. Place the first dropped letter in the space to the left of answer #1 and the second in the space to the right of answer #3. Repeat this process on each line of the puzzle. If the puzzle is done correctly, the dropped letters, read from top to bottom, will spell out some timely phrases.

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| 31 | 32 | 33 | |
| 34 | 35 | 36 | |

DEFINITIONS

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| 1. Alienate | 18. Meditated; reflected |
| 2. These gemstones come in several colors, including red, green, and yellow | 19. Rarely |
| 3. 86 and 99, for example | 20. Fabio or Iman, for example |
| 4. Aphorism | 21. Shape; form |
| 5. Grew older | 22. Grows microorganisms in a Petri dish |
| 6. Former UN Secretary General Hammarskjöld | 23. Bunch or bundle |
| 7. Perfumed packets for drawers | 24. Steal cattle |
| 8. Virtuous | 25. It's used for decorating Christmas trees |
| 9. Swindle | 26. Series of steps for crossing a fence or wall |
| 10. Cut off abruptly | 27. Flower garlands |
| 11. Mythical being with the head, arms, and trunk of a man, but the body and legs of a horse | 28. Baseball field |
| 12. Forswear | 29. Territory; realm |
| 13. Religious dissenters | 30. Wanderer |
| 14. Most affluent | 31. Type of yarn |
| 15. Mores; principles | 32. Sound of displeasure or pain |
| 16. Homicides | 33. Pealed; chimed |
| 17. Objections | 34. Nanny's domain |
| | 35. TV repeats |
| | 36. More certain |

YOU'LL FIND IT IN "MESSIAH"

How many words of four or more letters can you form using only the letters in MESSIAH? A letter can be used more than once only if it appears more than once. Proper nouns, obsolete and archaic words, slang and informal words, poetic words, hyphenated words, contractions, foreign words, and plurals formed with "s" or "es" are not permitted. Only one form of a verb may be used.

For our list of 16 words, plus the LEAPFROG solution, see page 12

Recreation Programs

Thanks to Debbie Dick, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Brothers, Recreation Coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation Programs" column. For more information about these or other offerings, stop in at the Recreation Department Office, 36515 Bibbins, or call 942-6852.

Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Department during its regular hours.

Scorekeepers Needed

The Romulus Recreation Department is looking for scorekeepers for its upcoming Adult Softball season, which will begin April 30 and continue until August. Scorekeepers can opt to work for one or more games per week (games are played on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays). Pay rate is \$7 per game.

Any interested individuals should report to the City of Romulus Personnel Department (located in the City Hall building, 11111 South Wayne Road, at Goddard) and fill out an application, or contact the Romulus Recreation Department for further information.

Adult Summer Softball

The Romulus Recreation Department is currently accepting registrations for its adult summer softball league. Teams may choose from among the following divisions. (Note: Red = B & C; White = C & D; Blue = D & below.)

Mon./Wed. Men's White Division

- 8 teams / 21 games / 2 umpires
- times: 6:30, 7:40, 8:50, 10:00
- cost: \$575

- "home run" limit: six per team

Mon./Wed. Women's White Division

- 8 teams / 14 games / 1 umpire
- times: 6:30, 7:40, 8:50, 10:00
- cost: \$375

- "home run" limit: no limit

Fri. Men's Red Division (competitive)

- 8 teams / 14 games / 2 umpires
- times: 6:15, 7:30, 8:45, 10:00
- cost: \$475

- "home run" limit: six per team

Fri. Men's Blue Division (recreational)

- 8 teams / 14 games / 2 umpires
- times: 6:15, 7:25, 8:35, 9:45
- cost: \$475

- "home run" limit: four per team

Sun. Men's White Division

- 10 teams / 18 games / 2 umpires
- times: 12:00, 1:10, 2:20, 3:30, 4:40, 5:50
- cost: \$500

- "home run" limit: five per team

(Note: Registration deadline is Friday, April 9. Early sign-up is recommended.)

Easter Egg Hunt

The Romulus Recreation Department's annual Easter Egg Hunt for children ages eight and under will be held – rain or shine – at Elmer Johnson Park on Saturday, April 3, at noon. There is no cost, and no preregistration is necessary, but children should bring their own bag or basket for collecting eggs.

Roller-skating Trip

The first of three special Spring Break activities, this April 5 trip to Skateland is open to children ages five to 15. A \$6 fee covers supervision, transportation (bus will depart from the Recreation building at 1:15 p.m. and return at approximately 5:30 p.m.), admission, and skates (roller blades cost \$4 extra). Register by Thursday, April 1.

Detroit Pistons

The Romulus Recreation Department is organizing "Romulus Night at the Palace" – a trip to see the Detroit Pistons play the Atlanta Hawks – on Wednesday, April 7 (during spring break). Highlighting the event will be a chance for two kids (ages six to 17) to act as ball persons during the pregame warm-ups. (Names will be selected in a random drawing.) A cost of \$19 per person includes transportation (bus departs from the Recreation building at 2:30 p.m.; returns at about 11 p.m.), supervision (children under nine years of age must be accompanied by an adult), a 90-minute basketball clinic on the court, and admission to the game. Register by Tuesday, March 30.

The Velveteen Rabbit

The Romulus Recreation Department invites you and your children (ages three and up) to see a production of *The Velveteen Rabbit* on Saturday, April 10. (Bus will depart at 1:30 p.m., and return at about 4:30 p.m.) Cost is \$7 per person. Register by Friday, April 9.

City-wide Garage Sale

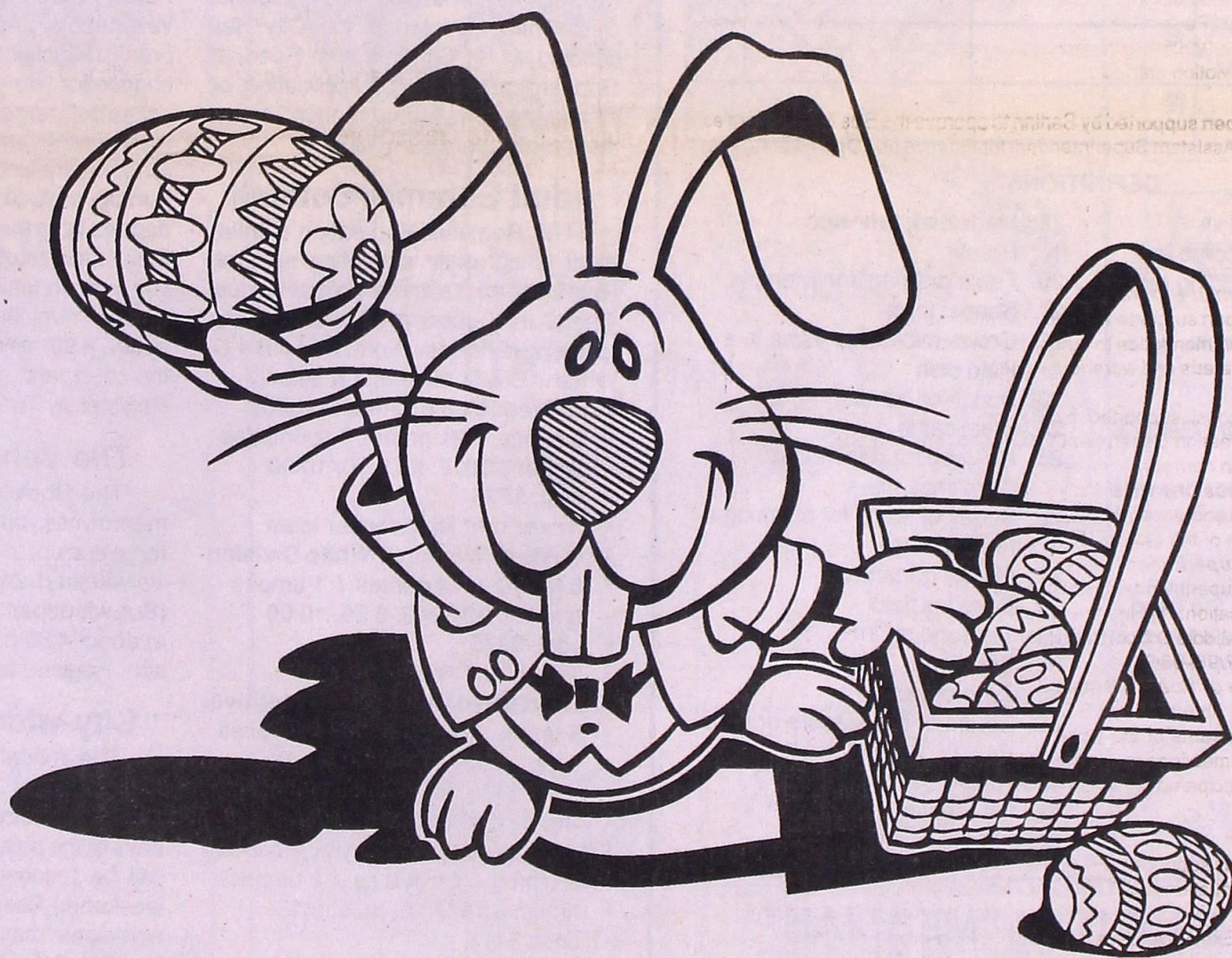
The annual City-wide Garage Sale has been set for Thursday, June 3, through Sunday, June 6. (If two or more days of the sale are rained out, the sale will be rescheduled for the following weekend.) Residents who would like to participate may sign up for their no-fee permits at the Romulus Recreation office. Permits must be applied for by Friday, May 14, in order to give the organizers ample time to compile lists and make maps. All materials will be available for pickup beginning May 24.

Note: Permits for this sale do not count toward the three-permit maximum allowed each resident by City ordinance.

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REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 8, 1999

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, March 8, 1999, was called to order by President Howard J. Kesner at 7:30 P.M.
Roll call showed member Webb absent (excused). Administrator Dolan was absent (excused).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kesner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

3/99/1 Moved by Lambert supported by Lenossi to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

3/99/2 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lenossi to approve the Minutes of February 22, 1999, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**Personnel Actions**

None.

Ratification of Paraprofessional Contract

3/99/3 Moved by Lambert supported by Dick that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve a new collective bargaining agreement with Local 3422, Romulus Federation of Paraprofessionals, for the 1998/99 school year, through and including 1999/2000, with changes as noted on the attached. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1 (Berlinn). Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

3/99/4 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn to approve the Bills for Payment as submitted by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Language Arts K-12 Update

Mr. Dan Hurst and Mesdames Mossoian, Cook, Notaro, and Johnson updated the Board of Education on the Language Arts Curriculum for the 1998-99 school year and responded to questions posed by members of the Board of Education.

Request to Bid Vehicle - Lunch Program

3/99/5 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn that the Board of Education accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to authorize the Transportation Department to seek bids for a step van for cafeteria and warehouse use. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Recreation - Pistons Trip

3/99/6 Moved by Lenossi supported by Berlinn that the Board of Education cosponsor a trip with the Recreation Department to a Pistons basketball game on April 7, 1999. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience addressed the Board of Education regarding their concerns as they relate to the operation of the School District.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Finance Minutes; 2) Alumni Hall of Fame; 3) High School Curriculum Guide; 4) Middle School Band Medals; 5) Tonquish "Thanks" - Bedell; and 6) "D" Day Counts, 1997/98-98/99.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Debbie Dick asked about School Board meetings being televised. She also asked if we would be hosting some of the District and Regional events, and about the possibility of changing Board meetings to another day.

Mrs. Betty Lenossi participated in Read Across America (Dr. Seuss) at Barth Elementary School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

3/99/7 Moved by Woods supported by Lenossi to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Negotiations and Litigation. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:55 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:33 P.M.

3/99/8 Moved by Lenossi supported by Lambert to approve the attached resolution for Doreen A. McEvilly as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

3/99/9 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lambert that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael D. Woods, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Merriman Kids Jump Rope for Heart

On March 18, students at Merriman Elementary School participated in "Jump Rope for Heart," a fund-raising event to benefit the American Heart Association. Under the direction of Pat McCollum, physical-education teacher and event coordinator, the students and staff raised more than \$2,500, far surpassing their last year's total of \$1,700. Pictured above are (from left) Kenneth Capler, Ashley Wright, and Trevor Bush, the three top fund-raisers from Yvette Austin's sixth-grade class.

Romulus Mourns Passing of City Father

continued from page 1

in Romulus, where he worked his way up to supervisor before his retirement in 1979. He and his wife, Mary Lou (Sanders) Pennington - whom he married on August 23, 1946 - raised three children: Carol (now Mrs. Daniel Sparks of Taylor, Michigan), Rodney (of Romulus, Michigan), and Thresa (now Mrs. Ron Kent of Hazelgreen, Alabama).

Other family members surviving Pennington are five brothers (Elza of Romulus, Michigan; Hershel of Legion, Kentucky; Donald and Milford of Cleveland, Ohio; and Clarence of Wayne, Michigan); three sisters (Mrs. Thelma McCown of Taylor, Michigan; Mrs. Ethel Littleton of Columbus, Ohio; and Mrs. Francis Stanley of Hilliard, Ohio); six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by three brothers, two sisters, and one grandson.

A funeral service will be held at Crane Funeral Home (36885 Goddard

Road, Romulus) on Friday, March 26, at 11 a.m. Burial will be at Romulus Memorial Cemetery. Memorial tributes may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute or the Pennington family. □



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Have You Planned for the Upcoming Tornado Season?

By Margaret A. Leduc, PEM, MSW, Coordinator, Emergency Management Department for the City of Romulus

The advent of Severe Weather Awareness Week in Michigan (March 28 through April 3) is the perfect time to warn Romulus residents about the dangers of tornadoes, thunderstorms, and flooding, and to remind them to start planning for all of the eventual emergencies that severe weather can bring.

Tornado Facts

- Tornadoes are most likely to occur in the months of April, May, June, and July, but it is possible for them to occur at any time of the year.
- Tornadoes can occur at any time of the day or night, but are most likely to appear in the late afternoon and evening, usually between 3 and 7 p.m.
- The greatest frequency of tornadoes occurs during temperatures between 70 and 75 degrees in conditions of high relative humidity. When temperatures are very warm prior to the arrival of a cold front, tornadoes are apt to form.

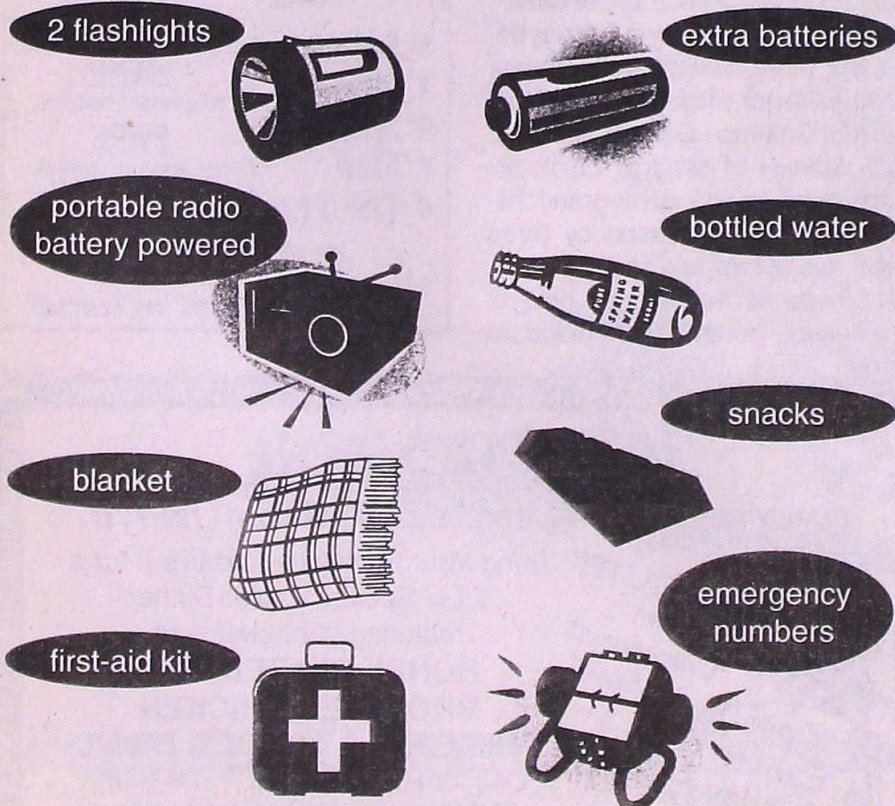
- Tornadoes usually travel from the southwest; however, some travel from the northeast or have erratic paths.
- Winds can change from 30 mph upwards to 70 and even 120 mph.
- The average Michigan tornado is on the ground for less than 10 minutes, and travels a distance of about five miles. However, they do not always follow the norm, and have been known to stay on the ground for more than an hour and travel more than 100 miles. Sometimes, several tornadoes will form in the same area.

Some Tips for Thunderstorms

When a thunderstorm approaches, move to a sturdy building or car. Do not take shelter in a small shed, under isolated trees, or in convertible cars. If no sturdy shelter is near, get inside a hard-top car and keep the windows rolled up. If you are too far from shelter, find a low spot away from trees, fences, and poles, but not in a place that is subject to flooding. Unplug appliances not necessary for receiving weather information. Use telephones only in an emergency.

Severe Weather Kit

AAA Michigan recommends you keep these items in your basement in the event of severe weather.



Answers

answers to puzzles from page 9

LEAPFROG:

- 1) estrange; 2) garnets; 3) agents
- 4) adage; 5) aged; 6) Dag
- 7) sachets; 8) chaste; 9) cheat
- 10) truncate; 11) centaur; 12) recant
- 13) heretics; 14) richest; 15) ethics
- 16) murders; 17) demurs; 18) mused
- 19) seldom; 20) model; 21) mold
- 22) cultures; 23) cluster; 24) rustle
- 25) tinsel; 26) stile; 27) leis
- 28) diamond; 29) domain; 30) nomad
- 31) Angora; 32) groan; 33) rang
- 34) nursery; 35) reruns; 36) surer

"Easter Sunday / resurrection"

YOU'LL FIND IT IN "MESSIAH":

ahem, hiss, mash, mass, mesa, mesh, mess, miss, same, sash, seam, sham, shim, amiss, shame, smash

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- Romulus at EMU Meet (Sat., Mar. 27, TBA)
- Romulus at Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational (U of M) (Thurs., Apr. 1, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Carlson (Thurs., Apr. 15, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at West Bloomfield Invitational (Sat., Apr. 17, TBA)
- Romulus at Wayne (Tue., Apr. 20, 3:30 p.m.)
- Highland Park at Romulus (Thurs., Apr. 22, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Dick Waters Relays (Monroe) (Sat., Apr. 24, 9:30 a.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Tue., Apr. 27, 3:30 p.m.)
- Southgate at Romulus (Thurs., Apr. 29, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Brother Rice Invitational (Sat., May 1, TBA)
- Lincoln Park at Romulus (Thurs., May 6, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Allen Park (Thurs., May 13, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at News Herald Relays (Sat., May 15, 9:30 a.m.)
- Romulus at Kennedy (Tue., May 18, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at MHSAA Regionals (Fri., May 21, TBA)
- Romulus at Division Meet (Tue., May 25, TBA)
- Romulus at State Meet (Sat., June 5, TBA)



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Community Calendar

- **St. Aloysius School Hosts Friday Fish-fry Dinner** – St. Aloysius School will host its final Friday Fish-fry fund-raiser of the Lenten season at the school (located at 37200 Neville Road, behind St. Aloysius Catholic Church) from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on March 26. The menu for the evening: fish, potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, dessert, and beverage. Tickets are \$6.50 for adults; \$5.50 for senior citizens; and \$3 for children under 10. For more information, call 734-941-3340.
- **St. Paul's Church Hosts Friday Fish-fry Dinners** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will host Friday Fish-fry fund-raisers at the church (located at Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) from 4 to 7 p.m. every Friday through April 9. The menu for each evening will feature deep-fried/baked fish and French fries/scalloped potatoes. Tickets are \$7 for adults; \$5 for children ages five to 11. For more information, call 734-753-9048.
- **Youtheatre Offers *Curious George*** – Youtheatre's "Wiggle Club" (for children ages three to six) presentation of *Curious George* has been set for Saturday, March 27 (11 a.m. and 2 p.m.), and Sunday, March 28 (2 p.m.) at the Music Hall (located at 350 Madison Avenue in Detroit). Individual tickets are \$7 when purchased in advance; \$8 at the door. For more information, call 313-963-2366.
- **The Mayor's Chair** – The next edition of the monthly *Mayor's Chair* program will air on cable channel 40 beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 8. Special guests will be representatives of the Census Bureau: Michael Price (Media Partnership Specialist) and Korey Hall (Community/Government Partnership Specialist). Those who would like to be present when the program is taped must be seated in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall by 6:15 p.m. Beginning at 6 p.m., home viewers can call 942-7571 to ask questions of the Mayor and his guests.
- **Business/Professional Women's Club Meets** – Any individual who believes in helping women is welcome to join the Belleville chapter of the Michigan Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. The group's next meeting is set for Monday, April 12, in the cafeteria (teachers' lounge) of Belleville High School. Dinner is served promptly at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$7.50. (Note: At the April meeting, the BPW will be collecting new baby items such as clothing and diapers to be given to FIRST STEP, a domestic-abuse shelter.) For more information, please contact Vivian Mundy, P.O. Box 211, Belleville, Michigan, 48112 / 734-697-8843.
- **"African American Experience" Book Discussion Group** – The newly formed African American Experience Book Discussion Group will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (next meeting: April 21) at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall). New members are welcome. For more information, call Alfaye Woods or Diane Hazen at the Library (734-942-7589) during its regular hours (Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 12 to 5 p.m.).
- **In-Balance Center Hosts Herb Conference** – The In-Balance Center of Romulus will host its 12th annual Herb Conference at the Romulus Marriott (30559 Flynn Drive) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 17. Guest speaker will be Rufus S. Houston, Jr., CNHP, who will discuss Nature's Sunshine and the Immune System. For tickets (\$35 nonrefundable; includes vegetarian luncheon), call 734-941-8778. Register by April 5.
- **Pancake Breakfast** – St. Anthony Church (located at 409 West Columbia in Belleville) will host a Pancake Breakfast (featuring pancakes by King Brothers, pure maple syrup from the Amish country, Kowalski sausage links, apple sauce, orange juice, and milk) on Sunday, April 18, from 8 a.m. until noon. Cost is \$5.99 per person (\$3.99 for ages five to 12; free for children four and under). Proceeds will benefit the St. Anthony Youth Group.
- **RHS Health Occupations Students Host Blood Drive** – Romulus High School's Health Occupations Students, under the direction of instructor Terri Brinston, will host a blood drive at the High School on Friday, May 28. Watch for further details in future issues.
- **Big, Beautiful People Welcome!** – The "More to Love" Social Club for Big, Beautiful People and their admirers welcomes you. Call 313-438-2720.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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Alumni Association Honors Hall of Fame Inductees



Approximately 100 well-wishers were on hand at Romulus High School on Saturday, September 20, for the Induction of the newest members of the Romulus High School Alumni Association's Hall of Fame. Besides the late Charley Lau, the honorees were (from left) Winifred Wafer, Marge Bergman, and Dan Jullen.

Sign Up for GED, Nurse-aide Classes

Romulus/Van Buren Adult Education is now accepting registrations for its GED preparation and nurse-aide classes, which will begin next month. The classes are the last that will be offered before fall.

The seven-week nurse-aide program, which prepares students to take the state's Competency Evaluated Nursing Assistant (CENA) exam, is set to begin April 12. Classes will meet Monday through Thursday from 6 to 10 p.m. at Romulus High School (located at 9650 South Wayne Road). The program is free to students who do not yet have a high-school diploma and who were at least 20 years old as of September 1, 1998; all others must pay \$375.

For students' convenience, the 10-week GED preparation class, set to begin the week of April 19, will be offered at seven different program

sites (schedules vary). Students who are enrolled in this program will be able to take the GED exam, free of charge, during the last week of class. The program is free to students who do not have a high-school diploma and who were at least 20 years old as of September 1, 1998; all others must pay \$250.

Sharman Spieser, Adult Education Coordinator, advises anyone interested in taking one of these classes to sign up right away, since the Adult Education office (located inside the Mt. Pleasant Community Education Office, 39000 Superior, Romulus) will be closed for spring break during the week of April 5-9.

To register, stop in at the Adult Education office weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., or call Spieser at 734-941-0610 for information about other registration sites. □

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Free Tax Service for Seniors

Now through April 14, volunteers from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will be available (by appointment only) at the Romulus Senior Center each Wednesday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. to assist low- and moderate-income Romulus seniors with the preparation of their Federal and State 1040 forms, as well as those for homestead property-tax, home-heating, and prescription credits.

A list of materials which must be brought to the appointment will be provided at the time of registration.

April Luncheon

You'll be "foolish," indeed, if you miss the Romulus Senior Center's next luncheon, set for 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 1. A menu of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, and dessert is planned. Tickets (\$5.50 each) must be purchased at the Center by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 29.

Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); exercise (Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and Fridays at 9:30 a.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); bingo (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); and pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.).

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852. (Please note: Deposits reserve your seat for any bus trip. Complete payment is due at least two weeks prior to departure for day trips; for overnight trips, payment is due at least 30 days prior to departure. Checks may be made payable to the City of Romulus or the tour company.)

- **Tulp Festival** (May 14; \$62)
- **The True North (Ontario, Canada)** (July 18-24; \$749)
- **Branson and Eureka Springs** (September 19-25; \$699).

Haircuts

Senior citizens can come into the Romulus Senior Center for \$5 haircuts on the second Monday of each month beginning at 10:30 a.m. (Next date: April 12.)

Walk-ins are welcome, but, for your own convenience, the Center strongly recommends calling ahead for an appointment. (Note: Since "shampoo" facilities are not available, seniors must wash their hair before coming in.)

Walking Club

Local seniors are invited to meet at the Center every Wednesday at 9 a.m. to ride the "senior van" over to Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus for some safe, indoor walking (at your own pace) during the winter months.

Exercise/Toning

The Senior Center invites you to drop in at any of its free toning/stretching/aerobic exercise classes, which are held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served.

The Center recommends that all participants wear comfortable clothing, and urges anyone unused to physical exertion to consult a physician before beginning.

Free Blood-pressure Check

Rachel O'Neil, a registered nurse who resides here in Romulus, has generously agreed to donate one afternoon per month to perform free blood-pressure checks at the Romulus Senior Center. (Note: date and time will vary each month. Call the Center for more information, or watch for updates in "the little paper.")

Be sure to drop in.

Chore Services Available for Lower-Income Residents of All Ages

The Wayne Metropolitan Community Services Agency offers a low-cost chore service for lower-income residents of all ages. Chores should be noncontinuous maintenance tasks such as snow removal, wall washing, basement cleaning, minor home repair, etc.

Eligibility for the service is based on income vs. family size. For instance, a single person with an annual income of \$31,700 or below qualifies, as does a household of two with an income of \$36,250 or less, or a family of three with an income of \$40,750 or less. A representative of the Chore Service program is available at the Romulus Senior Center each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon to determine eligibility and arrange for service. No appointment is necessary; proof of income is required.

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Proudly announcing the birth of their new son, Zachary Dillon Dague, are Danny Dague and Charlene Snyder of Romulus, Michigan.

Born in Riverside Hospital (Trenton, MI) at 7:07 p.m. on Thursday, February 18, 1999, Zachary weighed in at seven pounds, 11 ounces, and measured 20 inches in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival were his big sisters, Beth (age 14) and Cori (age 12).

Zachary's paternal grandparents are Danny Dague (Romulus, MI) and Sue Fowler (Mio, MI); his maternal grandparents are Ronald Baker (Wayne, MI) and Marie Stephens (Wayne, MI).

Obituaries

Hoye A. Jones

Hoye A. Jones of Romulus, Michigan, died on Thursday, March 18, 1999. He was 60 years old.

Hoye — who was born in Cottle, West Virginia, on September 7, 1938 — was employed by the Romulus Community Schools.

He is survived by his wife, Joy B. (Linger) Jones; two sons, Bill Joe (and his wife Jane) Jones and Hoye A. Jones, Jr.; four daughters, Mrs. Karen (and her husband Mark) Leach, Mrs. Kelly (and

her husband Kevin) Walker, Mrs. Donna (and her husband Robert) Zarras, and Miss Sandra Jones; two brothers, David and John Jones; two sisters, Ms. Peggy Ray and Mrs. Ginger (and her husband Kip) Mullins; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Monday, March 22, at the Mt. Hebron Cemetery (Sutton, MI).

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Howard "Buddy" N. Orth

Howard "Buddy" N. Orth of Wayne, Michigan, died on Tuesday, March 16, 1999, at the age of 74.

Buddy — a native of Leetonia, Ohio — was born on February 20, 1925.

He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Davidson, Mrs. Charles (Ruth) Spain, and Mrs. Garold (Marilyn) Hoffer; 11 nephews and nieces; and two great-nephews and -nieces.

A funeral service was held Friday, March 19, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Reverend Steve Adams (Romulus Wesleyan Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Interment was at Rural Hill Cemetery (Northville, MI).

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home.

Memorial tributes may be made to the American Heart or Lung Association.

Agnes L. (Popham) Wood

Agnes L. (Popham) Wood of Romulus, Michigan, died on Friday, March 18, 1999. She was 91 years old.

A native of London, England, she was born on May 20, 1907.

Agnes is predeceased by her husband, Bert Wood, as well as one brother and four sisters.

A funeral service was held on Monday, March 22, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (New Boston, MI), with the Reverend Marvin Anderson officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

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